

# From Time To Time

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# Dog track comes full circle

From demolition to breaking ground CCHS watches as history is made

Commerce City and master developer Delwest Development Corp. celebrated the start of construction at the former Mile High Greyhound Park site with a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The event marked a significant milestone in the lengthy process of turning the currently vacant property into a mixed-use development to benefit the entire community for years to come. The 65acre site will have land devoted to residential, retail/ commercial, open space, and educational uses.

"Today is truly a milestone and a significant moment

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## Volunteer Spotlight...Pam Meier

Along with her family, Pam Meier moved to Commerce City in 1954. She attended Rose Hill Elementary School, Kearney Middle School and graduated from Adams City High School in 1968.

After graduation, Pam attended Mesa College in Grand Junction. She then worked for Mountain Bell in the engineering department for 4 years.

In 1973 Pam decided to join her parents, Al and Jean Klein, as a Realtor in their thriving real estate business, Jean's Realty. From 1973-1998 Pam thoroughly enjoyed working at Jean's Realty helping Commerce City home buyers and sellers make their real estate dream come true. During this time Pam also helped make it possible for her Mom to spend countless hours advocating for safe drinking water for the citizens of Commerce City, while still running the family business.

In 1998 Jean retired and Pam joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage where she continued her real estate career with an emphasis on the Commerce City market. In 2000 her son Justin Knoll joined her as a fourth generation realtor and together they are continuing the family real estate business tradition.



In January 2014, Pam and Justin joined Madison & Company Properties. Pam is still thoroughly enjoying serving the residents of Commerce City in their real estate needs.

Pam is a charter member of South Adams Women's Association and a board member of the Commerce City Historical Society.

Pam is married to Jim Meier, a retired Denver Policeman, and together they have six grown children and eight grandchildren. Spending time with her family is Pam's greatest pleasure. She also enjoys reading non-fiction, yoga, cooking and travel.

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## City renovates Veterans Memorial Park

Commerce City celebrated the grand reopening of the newly renovated **Veterans Memorial** Park.

The 2.6-acre park site is home to the city's first allinclusive playground.

"The grand opening celebrates not only the completion of renovations to **Veterans Memorial** Park, but is home to the first all-inclusive playground in Commerce City," said Mayor Benjamin Huseman. "This park provides outdoor play opportunities for youth of all abilities and is an investment in their future."

Located next to the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center at 6015 Forest Dr... **Veterans Memorial** Park has been an important gathering space for residents and surrounding neighborhoods since 1971.

The renovated



2.6-acre site features a universally designed, sensory-rich environments for users of all ages and capabilities to enjoy. Amenities include:

- · A nature play area and an all-inclusive playground
- ADA accessible features such as sidewalk ramps and picnic tables
- · A labyrinth for reflection and meditation
- · New picnic shelters and restroom

The \$3.2 million project was constructed by Designscapes

Colorado, Inc. Designed by DHM Design, the new park features a

bird theme inspired by the neighboring **Eagle Pointe** Recreation Center



#### **July to September 2020**

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# FasTracks opens N-Line

The N-line is the north spur for the FasTracks connecting the north suburbs with the Denver metro area.

It is 18.5 miles with 13-miles of new line with 6 new stations from Eastlake at 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Union Station in downtown Denver. The trip is 29 minutes.

The N-Line rides on a two-mile bridge that is Colorado's longest bridge at 9,533 feet. It is called the Skyway Bridge.

The North Metro Project had been in its planning stages for many years before voters approved the FasTracks initiative in 2004. In December 2013, RTD and Regional rail partners entered into a contract. RTD was working on the environmental study process but encountered problems with lack of funding because of the recession in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The Denver



metro region had already identified the north I-25 corridor as being one of several congested corridors and was looking at a transit alternative.

The Denver
Regional Council of
Governments
recommended the I25 corridor as a
region for alternative
transportation. This
is how the North
Metro Rail Line
became part of the
FasTracks plan.

Groundbreaking took place in 2014-2016. The Commerce City stop groundbreaking was held on March 31, 2016.

The opening day for the N Line was Monday September 21, 2020.

This will transform



Commerce City with development of new homes, new retail, new dining options and it will bring people that do not live in Commerce City into the area and will lean toward revenues coming into the city that would not otherwise. It will also improve congestion taking cars off I-25 which will improve the air quality.

The 6 new stations on this line are

- · 48<sup>th</sup> & Brighton National Western Stock Show stop
- · Commerce City stop 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- · Original Thornton 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- · Thornton Crossroads 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Northglenn stop
   112<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- · Eastlake Stop 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## Groundbreaking of dog track Continued from page 1

for our community," said Mayor Benjamin Huseman during the event. "This site is poised to help revitalize the area. strengthen the surrounding neighborhoods, and regain its place as an important community hub in the heart of Commerce City. Thanks to our partners at Delwest for their investment in our community, and to all the elected officials, project partners, staff members and residents who have contributed to this process over the years to help make today possible."

The Commerce City Urban Renewal Authority (CCURA) purchased the former Mile High Greyhound Park property in 2011 and collaborated with residents and other stakeholders to envision a vibrant. mixed-use development. Despite numerous hurdles and challenges in the ensuing years, the city and CCURA



remained committed to the goals of the project.

Delwest plans to build four different housing types on the property to serve a spectrum of housing needs, including single-family homes, townhomes, marketrate apartments, and affordable housing units. The first phase of vertical construction will include single-family homes on the north side of the property and affordable units near E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Parkway Drive. Delwest is staying with the iconic "Grevhound Park" as the name for the development.

"Thanks to the hard work and tireless commitment of individuals and agencies across the public-private spectrum, Commerce City residents will once again enjoy a vibrant, inclusive and exciting community at Greyhound Park," said Joseph DelZotto, Delwest CEO and president. "We are thankful for the opportunity to steward this important site and look forward to exceeding expectations at every turn." Construction will continue over the next several years.

Water and sewer lines, roads, and a regional drainage facility at the northeast edge of the property will be among the first aspects of site infrastructure to be constructed. Delwest expects to build residential units over the next 3-5 years while actively seeking partners for commercial and educational portions of the site. Delwest has partnered with Crossland Construction and Kimley-Horn to oversee horizontal and vertical development and civil engineering, respectively.

## Janet Swank Union passes away

It is with a heavy heart that the CCHS Board of Directors reports that we have lost one of our board members (Janet Swank Union).

Not only is Janet one of our board members she has been a very dear friend to all of us for many, many years. Norm and family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Janet has served many years as an Advisory Board Member for the Commerce City Historical Society and was a founding member of the society. In January of 2020 the board appointed Janet as a board member to complete the term previously

held by Jacob Wilson. Janet has lived in Commerce City for 74 years and brings a lot of early history to our Society. She is co-owner of Norm's Printing since 1982, was co-editor/publisher of the Commerce City Beacon for 21 years.

She is in the rental business and served as Secretary of the Margaret Swank Family Partnership for several years. Janet is a member of the Rose Hill Grange, the American Legion Post 151 Ladies Auxiliary, she is a past president of the Commerce City Business and Professional Association and has been a member since 1980. She also currently



serves as a board member for the Commerce City Chamber of Commerce. She loves and collects antiques and is married to Norm Union.

We will miss Janet so much and we know she is now with her daughter Sarah Union who passed away from a car accident many years ago. Rest in Peace our dear friend. God Speed!

### Donate a vehicle

Donating your car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or airplane has never been easier! Simply to donate to, give us a call, and our trained staff will guide you through the donation process.

And FREE up your space for other things.

The Commerce City Historical Society has entered into an agreement with Car Easy - they will pick up your unused vehicles free, repair, sell and return the profit (after costs) to CCHS.

CCHS can use the money for operating expenses or other purposes. You will receive a tax receipt and the CCHS will receive a check for your donation!

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In some areas, we will have the ability to schedule the vehicle for pick up during your initial call. In all other cases CARS will contact you within 2-3 business days to set a convenient appointment time for pick up. 303.288.2590 / 303.946.3426. Debra or Esther will answer questions and pass on their telephone number.

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## Double-fatal traffic crash kills officer, resident

The Commerce City
Police Department held a
press conference Monday
morning to honor the career
and service of CCPD
Detective Curt Holland, 37,
who was killed in Friday's
double-fatal traffic crash on
Highway 2. CCPD also
recognized the loss of local
resident Francesca
Dominguez, 31, a civilian
and Commerce City native
who also perished in the
crash.

The incident occurred just after 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, when a southbound vehicle crossed into the northbound lanes of Highway 2 and collided head-on with Det. Holland's unmarked Commerce City Police Department Ford Explorer and a Kia Soul driven by Ms. Dominguez.

The Colorado State
Patrol is actively
investigating the incident
and there is no new
information to be released
regarding the crash at this
time. Details on Memorial
services for the victims are
still being finalized.

A statement from
Commerce City Chief of
Police Clint Nichols on
Monday, Oct. 19:
Good morning. I'm Clint
Nichols, Chief of Police for
the Commerce City Police
Department, and I want to
thank everyone for joining us
on this difficult day.

On Friday, October 16,



Commerce City lost one of our dedicated police officers, Detective Curt Holland, who was was killed in a traffic crash on Highway 2. For 4 years, Detective Holland served and protected the residents of this community, serving as a patrol officer and a member of the traffic unit before being promoted to detective earlier this year. He previously worked with the Denver Sheriff's Department.

Detective Holland was an exceptional police officer, a devoted husband and father, and a great man. He was an exceedingly bright person with a great attitude. He was one of our most enthusiastic employees and always seemed to have a smile on his face. He was always eager to take on any task handed to him. He brought his "A-Game" every day.

Curt leaves behind his wife, Amanda, and two young children. While our entire community shares in this loss, we especially offer our heartfelt condolences to them, all his family and friends, our CCPD family, and all those who were touched by his service.

In addition to the loss of Detective Holland, this tragedy also left Commerce City grieving for a life-long member of our community. Ms. Francesca Dominguez. "Frannie", as she was affectionately known, was born and raised in Commerce City. She was a 2007 graduate of Adams City High School and a talented artist. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her parents, along with all her family and friends.

We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from Commerce City residents, from surrounding communities, and law enforcement agencies near and far. We are especially grateful to the Colorado State Patrol and the Colorado Fallen Heroes Foundation.

We ask that everyone continue to respect the privacy of the families. Memorial service arrangements are still being made at this time. For those wishing to donate to the families, information will be posted in the coming days on the city's website, c3gov.com.

On behalf of the Commerce City Police Department, we ask that you all keep the families in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

### Family Histories...

# Charlene Kittinger reminisces

I was born in April 1933 in the Barr Lake area to Roland and Mildred Nelson. I had two older brothers. We lived in Barr Lake, Colorado. My father worked for Union

Pacific Railroad. He built our house from two railroad box cars. He took windows out of an old car and put them in our house. I remember, on a hot day, rolling the windows down to cool off. Times were hard and he used what he could to make us comfortable.



We moved to Dupont, Colorado in 1943.

Dupont was named after the Dupont de Nemours family and the Dupont Company which stored explosives in the area. We lived on Brighton Road which was the main highway from Denver to Cheyenne.

I went to 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Adams City Elementary School. I went there until I graduated from the 8th grade. This is where I met my best friend, Ruth Mock. She lives in Mississippi now and we still keep in contact. I went to Adams City High School and we were the last freshman class. During that year, a junior high school was built. So, when I became a sophomore the freshman class went to the new Junior High School. We were the under-class again and we were disappointed that we could not initiate the freshman class. I graduated from high school in 1951. My first job was at Webb's Café, which was next door to our house. I washed dishes and babysat for the owner's grandchildren.

I met my future husband, John Kittinger,

when I was 16 years old. We got married in February of 1952. We were married for 46 years. We had a son, Randy in 1954 and a daughter, Kathy in 1956.

My husband and I owned a black powder gun shop called Kittinger's Gunworks. It was located at 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Brighton Road. After our children grew up, I went to work for the Dupont Post Office.

Some of the businesses I remember in Dupont were:

- Peterson Grocery
- · Ralston's Station
- Webb's Café
- Boob's Creamery
- Friendly Tavern
- Post Office

Mrs. Crawford owned some cabins across the street. She also operated a little store. My mother didn't allow us kids to go in the store. She said Mrs. Crawford was a fortune teller. But I know my brothers snuck over there.

There was a race car track and an airport in Dupont also. It was called the Adams City Airport. Mainly small planes and crop dusters used it. It was located around 80<sup>th</sup> and Brighton Blvd. Early one morning we heard a crash and then our electricity went out. We looked out the window and saw a plane in the field across the street. It had taken off from the airport, hit some power lines and crashed. Luckily the pilot wasn't injured.

An army plane crashed on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue near current the location of the flea market. My husband took pictures of the crash and the authorities confiscated them. They gave it back to him later. I am retired now. I have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. After 77 years I still live in Dupont. This is where I call home.

# What to do in Commerce City

Visit the Buffalo Run Golf Course - 15700 East 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue - www.buffalorungolfcourse.com



Visit the Paradice Island and Pioneer Park - 5951 Monaco Street





Visit the Bison Ridge Recreation Center 13905 East. 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue – www.c3gov.com

Visit the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center 6060 Parkway Drive – www.c3gov.com





#### Janet Ramona Swank Union

Janet Ramona Swank Union passed away at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Denver, Colorado October 20, 2020. Janet was born December 10,

1941 at home in Penokee, Kansas. She married Norman Union on November 3, 1979.

Janet had a special relationship with all her family, especially her husband Norman. Janet and Norm Started



Norm's Printing in 1982. In March 1988 they started the Commerce City Beacon Newspaper, where she and Norman were the owners and publishers. She enjoyed knowing the people of Commerce City and reporting on news and events in the area. She belonged to many clubs and organizations in Commerce City and volunteered her time. Janet also enjoyed going on rides to the mountains or staying in their mountain getaway.

Janet was preceded in death by her daughter Sarah Union in August 1997, her Father Milton Swank, and her Mother Margaret Swank.

She is survived by husband Norman Union, brother Robert (Mary) Swank of Keenesburg, sister Barbara McMillan of Commerce City, sister Carol Roubidoux (Russ) of Keenesburg, and brother Walter Swank of Brighton, and Lois Kaplan, Norms sister. Janet also had numerous nieces and nephews and a great many great nieces and nephews.

Services were held October 29, 2020 at 2:00PM at Horan & McConaty Funeral

Home in Thornton, Colorado. Services were limited because of Covid. Service was available to live-streaming at HoranCares.com. Burial Service will be held at a later date and will be private.

A donation may be made to Commerce City Historical Society.

#### **Louis Edward Jaramillo**

He honored his father and mother. In the scriptures, the Lord taught us that in so doing, we can realize the promise of long life. (Exodus 20:12) Louis Edward Jaramillo did just that! He was 9 days shy of completing his 93rd year of life on this earth. He lived and loved well!

Louis was the 6<sup>th</sup> born of 8 children.

He entered this world on August 27, 1927

in Ft. Lupton, Colorado. His parents were Eloy and Lola Jaramillo. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Charlene, his parents, four sisters (Eva, Sis, Jennie, Rose) and two brothers (Chuck, Leo), one grandson (Jacob Louis), one great grandson (Luke James), and one



daughter in law (Claudia Marvin.) He is survived by his youngest sister, Betty Jean Richardson, his six children, Vicki (Chuck), Tim, Tom (Susan), Terry (Milvia), Tracy (Lydia), and Ted. In addition he is called "Grandpa" by seven granddaughters and eight grandsons and "Great Grandpa" by six girls and nine boys. His legacy is continuing: another great grandchild will be born in January 2021 and Louis' first great-great grandchild is due in February of 2021.

He is also survived by multiple nieces, Continued on next page

nephews, and beloved friends.

Louis' life was marked by a passion for people and a heart to serve. As a child and young man, he served his parents and family by working diligently alongside his Dad on the farm located on county road 21 in Ft. Lupton.

On February 7, 1951 he was inducted into the Army and served his country in the Motor Platoon of the 25<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company in Korea. During his 10 months and 15 days of service on foreign soil, Louis attained to the rank of Corporal and earned the Korean Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars and the UN service medal. After being honorably discharged November 5, 1952, he continued his service to his country for 5 years as an Army reservist but was never called up to active duty.

In February 1953, Louis began working at Gates Rubber Company in the manufacturing division. He served at Gates for 38 years. In those years, he married the love of his life, Charlene Bechtold, on April 3, 1954. Louis and Charlene bought their home in Commerce City off of Highway 2 within the first year of their marriage. They remained in the same house throughout the duration of their lives together, raising their six children and welcoming new family members and grandchildren. They hosted innumerable family gatherings and every Christmas Eve for decades, which became a family tradition. He and Charlene shared 61 years of love, building a family and home, attending and serving their Catholic church, and being active members in their community through politics and the food bank. They loved to travel and he loved to fish.

Louis had a passion for cars and mechanics. Most weekends he would serve the mechanical needs of his teenage sons, their friends, and his daughter's boyfriend in his garage repairing, replacing, or rebuilding carburetors, clutches, and engines from the ground up. Beyond those years, he continued tinkering with antique cars and maintaining his own personal vehicles. He was a self-taught, highly skilled mechanic, a Ford man!

He often commented that he had lived the longest on his street in Commerce City and was now the Grandpa of the block! As he had wished, he went home to be with the Lord in his own family room in his own house where he had spent immeasurable hours over decades of years with his beloved ones. It was so him; it was so right. Louis lived well and loved life, family, and friends. He fought the good fight, finished his race, and kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7) He is already missed intensely by his family and friends, but we have the hope of being reunited once again in his family room in Heaven.

Graveside services were held Friday, August 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery, 13750 Weld County Road 12, Ft. Lupton, Colorado 80621.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Louis E. Jaramillo to the Korean War Veterans Association, Post Office Box 407, Charleston, Illinois 61920 or online at https://kwva.us

#### Maria "Stella" Estele Varela

Maria was born October 4, 1939 in Mora New Mexico to Amado and Emelia Blan. Maria moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., at 6 years old with her Mother and Stepfather. She grew up in Colorado Springs and married Cecil Romero. They had five children.

Maria moved to Denver in 1966, with her children. She remarried and they purchased a house in Commerce City. Maria was a long-time resident of Commerce City.

She retired early from Fel-pro Industries, to care for her mother. Later she returned to

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work part-time and retired from Adam's 14 nutrition

services department after 9 years of service.

Maria is preceded in death by both her parents; Amado Blan, Emelia D. Martinez, her stepfather José Martínez, her sister Carolina Blan Luna, her brother Ubaldo



Blan, and her husband Jose Varela.
Surviving are her five children; Daughter and son in-law Anita & Manuel Mercado; their children Carlos, Mario, Adam.
Daughter Barbara Cyrus; her children Neil, Sherry. Son and daughter in law Cecil & Irene Romero; their children Desiree, Jennifer, James, Josh. Son and daughter-in-law Felix & Roche Romero; his children Michael, Matthew. Son and daughter in-law Gabriel & Lorinda Romero; and their daughters Amanda, Samantha, Zandra, and Gabrielle. Also 14 Great Grandchildren; 3 Great Great Grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Service were performed at:Chapel Hill Church of the Nazarene in Brighton.

## Francesca "Frannie" Maria Dominguez

Frannie was born September 25, 1989. She passed away on October 16, 2020

Frannie is watching over her Father and Mother, Daniel & Judith Dominguez, her Sister and Brother-in-law Rosemary "Rosie" and Arben "Benny" Borincaj, two nephews Sonny Ray Borincaj and Matthew Dominguez Jr, and her Grandmother Cecilia Duran. Along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She has joined the following family members in Neverland; Brother Matthew Dominguez Sr. Grandmother Lucrecia Domenguez, Grandfathers Ruben Dominguez



and Max Duran, and Godmother Carmelita Dominguez.

Visitation was held at the Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 9998 Grant Street, Thornton Colorado on Thursday, October 29, 2020.

The family had a balloon release to Celebrate Frannie on Saturday October 31, 2020, at Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St, Commerce City, Colorado. At a later date, following COVID restrictions, the family will invite all for a Mass and dinner to celebrate Frannie.

# Submissions for Newsletter

All submissions are welcome, including obituaries. Send submissions to Debra Bullock, Photos/Stories, 303-946-3426

#### **Curt Michael Holland**

Curt Michael Holland was born in Sparta, Illinois on August 13, 1983. He was the son of Carl L. and Sharon K. (Cheatum) Holland.

He attended school in the Sparta Public School District where he participated in band, jazz band, math team, baseball, and golf. After high school, Curt attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. While at SIU Curt participated in the ROTC and played the trumpet in both the pep and

bands. Curt graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice with a minor in Spanish.

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After graduation, Curt moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado



where he took a position at Best Buy. While there, Curt met his future wife, Amanda Richardson. Curt and Amanda lived in Colorado Springs for a few years, then moved to Denver so Amanda could pursue her Bachelor's degree in nursing. They were married on July 22, 2014, just prior to Curt entering the academy for the Denver Sheriff's Department where he worked as a corrections officer.

On June 27, 2016 he was hired by the Commerce City Police Department. The day after his graduation from the CCPD Academy, December 10, 2016, their daughter Nora June was born. On February 10, 2020, their son Bennett Lee came into their lives.

While at the CCPD, Curt served in numerous capacities - Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Range Officer, Hostage Negotiator, Traffic Accident Investigator, Traffic Enforcement Officer, and, at the time of his death, as a detective in the investigative unit.

Curt is survived by his wife Amanda, daughter Nora June, and son Bennett Lee. Also surviving are parents Carl and Sharon (Cheatum) Holland, Brother Reid (Natalie) Holland, Mother-in-Law Donna Maurer, Father-in-Law Tom Richardson, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. His Grandmother June Cheatum, Aunts Karen Cheatum and Jeanne Holland, Uncle Allen Westendorf, countless friends, and of course all of his brothers and sisters in blue. Curt was preceded in death by his grandparents Leslie Dale and Virginia Holland and Ervin Floyd Cheatum.

Curt was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Sparta, IL.

Funeral Service was held on Saturday, October 24, 2020, 1 p.m.at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way, Commerce City, Colorado. Due to limited attendance, we encourage community members to view the Livestream video. Visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNgf9btGwAA

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation, www.cofallenhero.org or Colorado Police Officers Foundation, www.coloradopolicefoundation.org.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

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The Commerce City Historical Society needs volunteers

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#### Needed ACHS & Prairie View Yearbooks

Please help. CCHS is looking for ACHS year books from the following years:30's, 40's, 1991, 1993, 1998, 2010, and 2013. Prairie View yearbooks are needed for Vol 1-7, 10 and 13.

#### THE SUPPLY PLACE

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Tim Zaleski President

Email: cc2509@cc-acehardware.com



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Bring your old photos of the area to the Museum, with dates and identity or unknown identity. CCHS is setting up a file for these photos to preserve our history. If you can't identify, maybe someone else can.

If you can't donate them, we can scan and return.



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## **Commerce City Historical Society**

### **Application for Membership**

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Annual Dues Please make checks payable to: Commerce City Historical Society, 6505 E. 60 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022			
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